

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH--FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1884.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

VIRGINIA METHODISTS.

BEST DAY OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE—MEN ASSISTED.—The Annual General Conference of the Virginia Methodists met at 9 o'clock, Bishop Brown in the chair. Rev. E. P. Wilson conducted the opening services. Rev. J. Russell, a travelling elder of the North Carolina Conference (abolished Protestant Church) spoke for admission. He received a unanimous vote of admission.

Rev. A. Young, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced to the Conference, and briefly addressed the meeting. He spoke in favor of foreign missions in Eastern Europe for the ensuing year; assessment on the Annual Conference for foreign missions, \$264,60. Of this amount the Virginia Conference is expected to pay \$10,000 and to furnish a committee to help in the work of the Anglo-Chinese University and the mission headquarters in the city of Mexico. The Board advanced to these worthy institutions \$47,500.

Charles C. Williams, F. Hayes, Dr. J. F. Farthing, J. B. H. Noland, Albert G. Wanslow, and Benjamin H. Berry, members of the class of the second year, having travelled two years and having passed approved examination in their studies, were orally examined and admitted.

The formal reception was conducted in a most impressive manner by the Bishop.

The class was called in front of the Chair, and solemnly addressed on the responsibilities and duties of the ministry; after which the Bishop presented the proofs of their testimony.

The young men solemnly bound themselves to the faithful discharge of the duties of travelling Methodist preachers. Those young men with the exception of Mr. Parker, who was a deacon, were elected to their orders, and will be ordained by the Bishop on Sunday morning.

William F. Tidet, professor in Vanderbilt University, a deacon of one year, having passed approved examination, was orally examined and passed to the class of the fourth year.

Dr. Boyle of Baltimore, was accorded the floor. He called the attention of the Conference to the approaching General Conference of American Methodists, to be held in Boston December 25th of this year, and urged the members of the Conference to subscribe for the Conference Bells, in which will be published full reports of the Conference proceedings.

Vineyard, Thomas J. Wray, James A. Dinsmore, H. White, J. E. Prichard, McDaniel, Charles H. Metcalf, Thomas N. Potts, and J. W. Howell were severally admitted on trial in the Conference.

The Conference adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Dr. Stodd preaches before the Conference to-morrow night a sermon on "Centennial of American Methodism."

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY.

THE BANK CASE.—DISBURSEMENT OF THE RICHMOND DEPOSITORY.

THE RICHMOND COURTS, met to-day at 12 o'clock. The case of Thomas Whyte, late cashier of the Planters and Mechanics Bank, indicated by the grand jury as necessary to W. W. Whyte, assistant teller, in the making of certain entries in the cash book, with the intent to defraud the bank, came to the true state of the account of Thomas Whyte, and assist and enable him to obtain money to which he was not entitled to claim. The Commonwealth's attorney moved to enter a *prosecution* in the case, for the reason that, inasmuch as the principal had been acquitted of the offence charged, the accessory could not be convicted. If the principal is innocent the accessory, in his opinion, will not be indicted by the court, and Mr. Whyte was discharged. This disposes of all the criminal prosecutions set for trial at this term of the court. There remains to be tried, at the January term, the indictments for malversation of funds by the Commonwealth's attorney, and the Board of Trade, and the other.

Joseph P. Evans, late independent candidate for Congress in this district, returned from Richmond this morning, where, in company with his son, he had consulted with friends, and, in view of certain facts in his position, he has sufficient grounds on which to rest a contest for the seat in Congress from this district. It is learned that he has determined to make the contest, and the necessary steps in the case are being made to have it so served at the proper time.

Colonel Read, the cashier,

The Democrats of Blacks-and-Whites and vicinity celebrated last night the election of Cleveland and Hendricks, with a grand torch-light procession, who marched through the town forwards and backwards, with bands and rockets.

People were present from all the surrounding sections, and great joy and enthusiasm prevailed. Spirited addresses were delivered by a number of speakers.

The celebration was a grand success, and many colored men joined in the procession and carried torches. The speakers all counseled moderation in this hour of victory. Dr. E. G. Booth paid an eloquent and appropriate address to the memory of the late Dr. George E. Rice, the Democratic candidate for Congress, who died on the morning of the day of election, who had fallen at his post with his armor on. He declared it to be the duty of the people to sustain the cause to which he devoted himself over his grave.

The following telegram was sent to the Democrats of Blacks-and-Whites:

"E. G. Booth, Jr., 'Chairman,'

Rather a shabby trick, if indeed it was not one of criminal intent, was played upon the Rev. E. M. Peterson, Suffolk, who was on his way to New York in his carriage, when he stopped to take a walk in the hunting-book, and as a rule, he is supposed to carry into the field with him a copy of this list so that he may know on going and returning just where the animals are.

He is now in the custody of the police, and arrested. Mr. Peterson's Conference papers are still missing. In the value which was demanded by the police, he took his seat in the car, and not until the train was about moving off did he discover that he had some other person's valise. His own property was gone, however, and has not yet been found.

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